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STATE UNIVERSITY

Murray State closes campaign with record \$71.73 million raised

Murray State University shattered all previous fundraising efforts at the school by closing the Hold Thy Banner High: The Campaign for the Students of Murray State University with a \$71.73 million total. The campaign ended during Homecoming 2012 festivities Oct. 12-13. The original \$60 million goal was surpassed in June 2011, leading to a new goal of \$70 million by the ending date. Fifty percent of the funds donated benefited student scholarship endowments, causing annual scholarship awards at Murray State to double to over \$1.6 million in 2012. The campaign that began in 2005 saw two academic units named. Additionally, a \$3.3 million donation to name the CFSB Center (formerly the Regional Special Events Center) became the largest gift in Racer athletics history. During that time, 96,425 gifts from 23,037 distinct donors were processed. The faculty and staff of Murray State were a huge part of the effort, giving \$893,373 of the total.

MSU experiences enrollment increase

Increases in first-time freshmen and international students combined to raise Murray State University's overall enrollment to an estimated 10,832 students, a growth of two percent. Together with the last two years of increases, Murray's numbers represent a 7.5 percent rise in students enrolled since 2009-10. The university is at its highest enrollment ever. Murray State's Fall 2012 enrollment showed a respectable 6.5 percent growth in freshmen and an 18 percent increase in international students across the board (freshman, transfer and graduate).



Murray State grad takes her "Unbridled Spirit" to China for Kentucky

Courtney Keller, a May 2012 MSU graduate, lives Kentucky's "Unbridled Spirit" branding every day at work as barn manager at WinStar Farm and she kicked it up a notch with a recent working trip to China. Because interest in the equine industry as a whole, and riding in particular, is on the upswing in China, Kentucky has been tapped as an expert partner and the "Unbridled" program matches trainers to schools and riding clubs in China. Keller took her passion and her skills to Qingdao in the Shandong Province of China where she taught the Chinese proper training methods and riding/equitation to students ranging from 5 to 40+ years of age.

MSU extends top rankings to 22 consecutive years

U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges recognized Murray State University for the 22nd consecutive year with the release of the 2013 list. The university is at seventh place among the top public regional universities in the South. Murray is again in the Top Tier as the only Kentucky regional public university to appear among the South's top 20 private and public schools. MSU's scoring shows it to be the 11th top public regional university in the nation, up three spots from last year's rankings.



Wann on HBO's *Real Sports*



Dr. Daniel Wann, a professor of psychology at MSU, appeared on HBO's *Real Sports* news magazine in September. Wann was flown to New York City for an interview with Bernie Goldberg on the topic of sports fan violence. Goldberg has covered stories all over the world for CBS News and has won 12 Emmy awards for excellence in journalism — six at CBS and six at HBO.

MSU selected for McNair award

Murray State was again awarded the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement program to provide assistance to socioeconomically disadvantaged students to further their educations by pursuing a doctoral degree. Often, these students, regardless of their ability, are not able to take this next educational step; however, because of the McNair program they gain an opportunity of a lifetime. Due to budget cuts for the 2012 funding competition only 140 programs nationwide received awards. MSU surfaced as one of those programs and will receive \$1.125 million over the next five years to support the McNair program. In addition, the university will contribute \$285,000 in scholarships and financial support to the program over this five-year period.

Bauernfeind CoB ranked on SSRN.com

The MSU Bauernfeind College of Business is ranked 104 out of the top 500 business schools on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN.com). The goal of the Social Science Research Network is to provide rapid dissemination of research in the social sciences, including research in the business fields. By posting abstracts and papers on SSRN, faculty members at Murray State and other universities disseminate research findings and help researchers around the world, including those in developing countries where funds often are not available to pay for library subscriptions to journals and research databases. Currently, 11 college of business faculty members have posted abstracts and papers on SSRN.



Murray is "Military Friendly"

Murray State is again named a Military Friendly School by *G.I. Jobs* magazine. MSU is recognized as one of the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

Professors research effect of Marriage Penalty Tax on families

Dr. Floyd Carpenter and Dr. Murphy Smith, accounting professors at Murray State, along with Dr. Dennis Lassila of Texas A&M University, presented their research regarding the marriage penalty tax at the International Conference of the Allied Academies in October in Las Vegas. The paper is titled, "The Federal Government's War on Marriage AKA The Marriage Penalty Tax: Unfair to Individuals and Harmful to Society." The presenters note that marriage and families are regarded as building blocks of civilization. Yet, they argue, in America, numerous parts of the federal tax code directly penalize marriage and have detrimental effects on American families, leading to major social and economic costs, such as higher rates of children living in poverty, lower education, higher unemployment, more crime and poorer health.

MSU partners to promote higher education to Scholar House clients



A new addition to home décor welcomes Scholar House residents as they pass through the commons room. Murray State University's office of regional outreach donated a print identifying the 10 characteristics of an MSU graduate to the Paducah Scholar House last week. Scholar House is a housing and education initiative that enables the head-of-household to reach self-sufficiency. Participants must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible for a Housing Choice Voucher, and be full-time students in a degree or specialty institution of higher learning. Single

parents are given first priority. Program participants are provided with counseling, workshops and support from neighbors and staff, while fulfilling academic course work as full-time students. The Murray State University "Racer Nation" got a little larger recently with four Scholar House residents enrolling in classes. Murray State anticipates more students interested in transitioning from two-year to four-year degrees.

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